

Art Unit: 1624

Response to Amendment

As requested in the correspondence from applicants filed 6 August 2007 (hereinafter “present amendment”), which is in reply to the Office action mailed 7 May 2007 (hereinafter “previous Office action”), claims 12, 14, 23, 32 and 33 have been amended.

Status of Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

In view of applicants’ argument traversing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, which were set forth in the previous Office action, the rejections are hereby withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-14 and 23-33 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

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